GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER WITHDRAWALS FROM GANGA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga is facing a serious threat owing to increased water withdrawals as reported in the Hindu dated March 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the extent of water extracted from Ganga every year for irrigation and other purposes; and

(c) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Central Water Commission has a network of hydrological observation sites in Ganga basin. A study of flow data at five important stations viz. Rishikesh, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi and Patna, in river Ganga for the period 1983-84 to 2002-03 showing five yearly average is given below:

(Unit : Cumecs)

Period	Rishikesh	Kanpur	Allahabad	Varanasi	Patna
Average Annual flow for 1983-84 to 1987-88.	689.176	846.234	3071.465	3253.642	6843.685
Average Annual flow for 1988-89 to 1992-93.	729.388	727.431	2609.051	2509.868	6964.158
Average Annual flow for 1993-94 to 1997-98.	783.132	720.003	2987.875	3079.797	8715.034
Average Annual flow for 1998-99 to 2002-03.	751.563	998.990	2851.711	2860.950	8511.401

From the above data, no discernible trend in decrease in water flow in Ganga is observed.